

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Matthew Zaluzec et al.  
Group Art Unit: 1725  
Examiner: Lin, Kuang Y  
Title: Method of Manufacturing Metallic Components  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed October 11, 2006 to which a response is due with a one-month extension by February 12, 2007. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections and/or objections in view of the remarks set forth below:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 4 of this paper.